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PASSENGERS HIT AS TRAVEL FIRM SHUTS

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UP TO 36 end-of-year holiday-makers faced the prospect of losing hundreds of pounds this week as a Rugeley travel company seemingly went out of business.

Haywards of Rugeley haven't answered calls or messages for the past five weeks, leaving customers fearing they wouldn't get back their money – around £400 – if a week-long trip to Devon didn't go ahead.

Run by Lawrence and Heather Hayward, the firm's shop, on Horsefair, was boarded up last week with dozens of letters left scattered on the floor inside.

A notice has been placed on the shop window stating that the couple had closed due to bad weather for the foreseeable future.

The Haywards were due to transport 36 holiday-makers to a Devon hotel on Monday (December 27). The hotel manager said he had left numerous unanswered messages with the company.

One Hednesford couple have paid £370 to Haywards for the planned trip which included travel, a four-night hotel stay, a trip to the pantomime and two restaurant meals.

Patricia and Dennis O'Gara, aged 72 and 68 respectively, said their festive plans were in ruins.

"The holiday was our Christmas present to each other and we were really looking forward to it," Mrs O'Gara said.

Receipt

"As pensioners it's a huge amount to us but I doubt we're going to get it back and our holiday insurance doesn't cover this."

They paid a £100 deposit in October and then the remaining £270 on November 27, with both payments made by cheque, but no receipt was ever received for the latter and the Haywards haven't been in touch since.

Mrs O'Gara, who along with her husband runs the International Aid Trust shop on Market Street, Hednesford, said: "We're still waiting to see if they contact us."

Paul Monkhouse, who runs the Marine Hotel in Paignton, Devon, to where the holidaymakers were travelling, said he too would be left out of pocket if the trip didn't go ahead as he had received no money from Haywards for the booked rooms.

"It's been booked in for nine months but after they sent through a list of who was coming five weeks ago I've heard nothing from them, despite sending countless emails and phoning their two numbers."

As of December 24 the couple could not be contacted for comment.

The sign on their shop read: "Due to the unusually bad weather that has affected the whole of the UK we have had a number of holidays and day trips cancelled which has led us to the decision to close the shop for the foreseeable future.

"We apologise for the inconvenience caused but assure all clients who have paid for holidays and day trips that they will get a full refund."

Lawrence and Heather Hayward at their shop, in Horsefair

A notice on the window of Haywards of Rugeley, in Horsefair

Haywards of Rugeley, which has closed

Mum is in from the cold

A MOTHER and her five-year-old son were finally allowed to stay at home for Christmas – after being left without heating and hot water for three weeks.

Michelle Colbourn, of Laburnum Avenue, claims Cannock Chase Council and home maintenance firm PH Jones continually passed the buck over who was responsible for repairing her boiler.

Her son Lewis, aged five, has suffered from a chest infection which Miss Colbourn put down to spending time in the freezing house, with the pair sleeping at friends' and relatives' homes.

Miss Colbourn, aged 20, was told she herself needed to thaw the pipes before any repair work could be undertaken.

She said she was advised to pour boiling water on the pipes, or heat them by blasting air from a small electric fan heater and a hairdryer.

This has cost her £95 in electricity, which the council has told her she cannot claim back.

Contractors PH Jones finally fixed the problem on Wednesday December 23, three weeks after the initial problem started.

"The service I've received has been absolutely diabolical," said Miss Colbourn, who is currently doing a travel agency apprenticeship at Walsall College.

"There was no communication between the council and PH Jones.

"I've had so many people out to look at the boiler but no one could fix it and after a while they started ignoring my calls.

"I felt like I was going to have a breakdown. It's been an absolute nightmare."

Sandra Richards, spokesman for Cannock Chase Council, said: "The council's contractor, PH Jones, have previously attended but could not instigate a repair because both the heating and domestic pipework were frozen.

"Miss Colbourn has previously been issued with temporary heaters, which she was advised to use to aid the thawing process."

Chasewater railway staff celebrate the success of this year's Santa train. Pictured left, is station manager Steve Bray and ticket inspector Mitch Fellows

Santa Specials steam in to beat the weather

SANTA specials beat the big freeze to be a sell-out success at Chasewater Railway.

All the railway's festive trains ran successfully despite the snow and ice.

There were five trains on both Thursday and Christmas Eve with families travelling through Chasewater Country Park to meet Santa in his grotto in the Heritage Centre at Brownhills West Railway Station.

There were presents for each child and seasonal refreshments for everyone including sherry or a warming ginger wine to accompany a mince pie.

Volunteer Doreen Edwards said: "This year has been a complete sell out."

The railway is open again on January 2 when mince pie specials will be running between 11am and 4pm. No advance booking is needed.

The railway will then be closed until March.

The closure is to allow work to take place on a culvert to Chasewater which is undergoing repair following the draining of the reservoir.

Details of the services for next year will be available on the railway website at www.chasewaterrailway.co.uk

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Surprise award for boys' pedal power

TWO Rugeley schoolboys have earned special recognition for their charity exploits with a surprise award.

Matty McClean, aged 11, and Jake Gower, 10, recently cycled 14 miles from Rugeley to Lichfield to raise nearly £1,000 for Midlands Air Ambulance.

They completed the challenge in two hours and 10 minutes and to show their appreciation Alison Blakeway from the charity, as well as Pc Wayne Moreton from Staffordshire Police, surprised the boys with framed photographs and certificates.

Friends and family gathered at Hagley Park Sports College, where Matty is a pupil, to see the boys pick up their awards.

"We were both ready to collapse by the time we'd finished cycling but it was really good fun and we're both really happy that the money we raised will help to save someone's life," Matty said.

The money was raised through sponsorship by friends, family and businesses including bike shop Pelton Cycles, which also donated Midlands Air Ambulance t-shirts for the cycle ride.

Fantastic

Jake attends Churchfield Primary School and they, along with Hagley Park, held non-uniform days to boost the coffers.

Alison Blakeway from Midlands Air Ambulance said the boys had done incredibly well.

"To raise £1,000 from their first fundraising event is fantastic and I can't wait to hear what they have planned next," she added.

Visit www.midlandsairambulance.com for more information on the charity, which celebrates its 20th anniversary next year.

Pc Wayne Moreton and Alison Blakeway, events and volunteers coordinator at Midlands Air Ambulance, present Matt McLean (left) and Jake Gower with their awards

Simultaneous singing and signing record bid

SINGING youngsters are being asked to clear their throats and loosen up their hands ahead of a mass world record attempt early next year.

National charity SignHealth wants 15,000 schoolchildren to join in their official Guinness World Record event for the most people singing and signing a song at the same time.

The big day is February 9 and the chosen song is I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing, a 1971 hit for The Seekers.

Schools from Cannock and Lichfield are being encouraged to take part, with the event primarily aimed at Key Stage One and Two youngsters.

Steve Powell, chief executive at SignHealth, said: "The current record is 13,418 people and we're hoping to smash this, while also raising awareness of deafness and the work we are doing at SignHealth.

"The event will also be a fundraiser for the charity through sponsorship from businesses and a suggested donation of £2 for everyone taking part."

The Seekers have re-recorded their song especially for the event and SignHealth, which provides health-related services for deaf people, has produced a DVD to show children how to sign the song.

Steve added: "Any schools from Cannock and Lichfield that decide to take part will be joining hundreds of schools all over the country at 2.45pm on February 9 when they attempt to break the world record.

"We are hoping more than 200 schools will participate in the event."

Gary Slack, author of the award-winning Sign with Olli books, has helped out with the training DVD to which every registered school will receive.

For more information contact SignHealth on 01494 687600 or visit www.sign2sing.org.uk

Those we said goodbye to in 2010

Teddy Pendergrass

Ray Alan

Gary Coleman

Dennis Hopper

Harry Carpenter

Christopher Cazenove

Sir John Dankworth

Michael Foot

Tom Bosley

Dick Francis

Lena Horne

Lynn Redgrave

Jean Simmons

Leslie Nielsen

Alex Higgins

Cyril Smith

Tony Curtis

Sir Norman Wisdom

Loveable fool Norman lost

THIS year we said goodbye to one of the great talents from the heyday of the British film industry, Sir Norman Wisdom.

The acting dynasty of the Redgraves was hit again with the death of Lynn whose first major film role was as Georgy Girl.

Hollywood legends Jean Simmons, Dennis Hopper and Tony Curtis also died. Simmons will perhaps be best remembered for her role alongside Kirk Douglas in Spartacus and Hopper's career spanned almost 50 years. He became regarded as one of the truly great talents of cinema while Curtis had starred in some of the most memorable films of all time not least of which was Some Like It Hot.

Boxing fans were saddened by the demise of Harry Carpenter who covered some of the biggest fights in the sport and who will always be associated with Frank Bruno and his catchphrase "Know wharramean 'arry."

Also gone from the sporting arena was the mercurial Alex "Hurricane" Higgins whose rapid style of play revolutionised the game.

It was a bad year for the literary world too with the deaths of Dick Francis and JD Salinger who will forever be associated with his book Catcher in the Rye.

From the world of politics the year said goodbye to former Labour leader Michael Foot and larger than life Liberal MP Cyril Smith famous.

The music arena had its share of losses too with jazz artist Sir John Dankworth, singer Lena Horne and soul star Teddy Pendergrass.

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Street party idea to mark big royal day

TRADERS in Hednesford have begun making plans to close off the town's high street to make way for a royal wedding street party.

Linda Whitehouse, vice-chairman of the Hednesford Traders Association, hopes the whole town will get behind the scheme to turn Market Street in to a traditional street party on April 29 when Prince William and Kate Middleton plan to tie the knot.

Linda Whitehouse

Mrs Whitehouse said: "If all goes according to plan, the occasion will boast a variety of attractions including a fun fair and giant screens showing live screenings of the royal wedding."

Traders have begun getting together to make the day as special as possible. There are even plans to host a traditional Victorian market on the same day.

Mrs Whitehouse said: "The plan is to have the main street closed off with an old-fashioned Victorian party for the children."

Mrs Whitehouse, who also is the managing director of Bromleys Independent Property Services, in Market Street, used to work as events organiser and she says the traders are all using their areas of expertise to help organise the big day.

People who think they might be able to help out with the plans are being asked to go to a public meeting at Hednesford House on Thursday, January 13 at 5.30pm. Call Mrs Whitehouse on 01543 899 695.

Inquest is told of missed tumour

A CANNOCK man died at Stafford Hospital after surgeons missed a tumour when performing an operation on his colon, an inquest has heard.

William Wilding, aged 82, was taken to the hospital to have corrective surgery on a perforated colon on September 1.

After being transferred to Cannock Hospital Mr Wilding, of Keates Avenue, took a turn for the worst, having problems with pneumonia.

On October 1,the former miner returned to Stafford Hospital but died later on.

Pathologist Doctor Stephen Harris told Cannock Coroner's Court that surgeons missed a cancerous tumour located 30cm from his perforation, which was uncommonly far away.

"They may not have been able to see it during the operation," he said.

South Staffordshire corner Andrew Haigh recorded a verdict of a natural death.

Smoke alert close to M6

SMOKE from burning scrub caused problems for drivers on the M6 near Penkridge.

Firefighters dealt with the problem from a field off Otherton Lane at 6pm on December 21 and at 2.30pm the following day.

Store is rated as one-star

A RUGELEY shop that sells hot and cold food received a one-star report from health inspectors.

West End Wines, in Anson Street, was found with meat pies past their sell-by-date, while staff were ordered to keep a domestic cat away from food rooms.

A health inspector, working on behalf of Cannock Chase Council, also found bikes and dirty laundry being stored in the kitchen area during a visit on October 29.

Several areas and pieces of cooking equipment were found to be dirty. And the owners were ordered to clean the staff toilet and hand basin.

Store manager Lawrence Duckhouse said tan inspector has since returned to the shop and was happy with the state of the business.

Badges of honour for drop-in centre volunteers

VOLUNTEERS from a Hednesford drop-in centre have been rewarded for their ongoing contribution to the community.

The staff from the centre, at Trinity Church, on Station Road, provide hot meals to people in need every week and were presented with Volunteer Staffordshire badges by county councillors John Bernard and Phil Jones.

The councillors attended one of the centre's Christmas lunches to hand over the badges which are been given to all valued volunteer workers in the area. The centre celebrates its 10th anniversary next year and is open every Thursday and second Wednesday of the month to provide hot meals to people who for a variety of reasons may be unable to cook themselves.

As many as 70 people receive meals in a session and the Christmas lunch saw 80 people tucking in.

Those who attend have praised the volunteers saying that in addition to serving great food, they make time to talk and are non-judgmental.

Councillor Bernard said: "It was great to come into the Trinity Church to meet this dedicated team which really does make a difference to people's lives.

"We were invited to the Christmas lunch which was a real treat. I cannot speak highly enough of the volunteers who give up their time week in, week out, to ensure people have good cooked food who may otherwise go without.

The two county councillors have also contributed £900 between them from their allocation of the Staffordshire Local Community Fund this year.

The money will go towards providing new kitchen utensils and tables for the drop in centre.

Councillor Jones said: "It was an honour to be able to present the Volunteer Staffordshire badges and meet the team.

"The drop-in centre highlights what volunteering is about- providing an essential service to the community."

To find out more about volunteering opportunities across Staffordshire, visit www.volunteerstaffordshire.org.uk

College a winner

SOUTH Staffordshire College has won an award for sustainability in a contest that attracted more than 100 entries.

The college – which has campuses Cannock, Lichfield, Rodbaston and Tamworth – won The College Marketing Networks FE Gold Awards.

This is only the second time this award has been made.

Judges said: "The College demonstrated a clear and well planned sustainability strategy with commitment from the Senior Leadership Team which will deliver real and financial benefits in coming years".

Driver did not see motorcyclist, 55, court told

Suspended term for death crash motorist

A FORMER Royal Navy officer who killed a Cannock man in a road crash at a notorious blackspot has been given a suspended jail sentence.

Marine engineer Paul Youe failed to see motorcyclist George Jones as he pulled out on to the A34 at Brocton crossroads, near Stafford.

Mr Jones, aged 55, of Cannock, was knocked unconscious and died of his injuries, Stafford crown court heard.

Judge Simon Tonking, the Recorder of Stafford, suspended a six-month jail sentence on Youe – and called for a look at safety of the accident site.

"I am a judge, but I am also a motorist myself and I would invite the Highways Authority to look at this junction again to see whether more can be done to protect those on the major road," he said.

Youe, 40, of Chase Crescent, Brocton, admitted causing Mr Jones's death by careless driving. His sentence was suspended for two years and he was banned from driving for two years and ordered to carry out 250 hours unpaid community work.

Mr Michael Garrett, prosecuting, said that on May 5, at about 7.30am, both the defendant and Mr Jones were on their way to work.

Mr Jones was riding his Suzuki motorcycle towards Stafford as Youe's Volkswagen Golf pulled out in front of him at the crossroads and the fatal collision occurred.

Vulnerable

The judge told Youe that Mr Jones was "totally blameless."

He added: "Your reaction to that situation is to your credit, you got out of your car and you went to Mr Jones and when you realised he was injured, you were phoning immediately the emergency services.

"You admitted to the police from the outset that you had failed to see Mr Jones's motorcycle. But you knew this junction had a potential for risk and danger and a motorcyclist is a vulnerable road user," said the judge.

Mr Michael Duck, defending, said Youe saw active service in the Royal Navy, and now worked in the marine industry.

"Motorcyclists are that much more difficult for motorists to see and, to quote his own words 'I simply didn't see him'.

"My client still lives within a few hundred yards of this junction, so it is a constant reminder."

Meet the festive Angels

Charlotte Angel with boys Riley (aged two) and Dylan (five)

MEETING an Angel the night before Christmas is enough to ruffle anyone's feathers. But when Charlotte Angel met her husband Philip on Christmas Eve she fell in love with his festive surname.

Charlotte from Burntwood says having such a surname makes the festive period extra special.

"When Philip introduced himself to me I thought 'I've got to have that surname'," says Charlotte, who lives in Sandringham Close and has three children, Karin, six, Dylan, five, and Riley, aged two.

"People make comments on our surname all the time, but especially at Christmas.

"They always ask if the children are little angels."

Charlotte, aged 26, said Karin, a pupil at Holly Grove Primary, always played an angel in the school nativity play.

Plea after raids spate

BUSINESSES in Burntwood are being urged to boost security following an increase in the number of burglaries and thefts.

Police are contacting 400 firms with the warning that opportunist crooks are out and about looking for easy targets.

Officers are also building up a database of e-mail addresses of every locally based company so that crime alerts and warnings can be flashed to them in seconds.

This year, almost 100 firms have been broken into with laptops, mobile phones, cash and power tools targeted.

David Challinor, commander of Burntwood neighbourhood policing team, said: "The offences are spread across the area including companies in Burntwood, Chasetown and Chase Terrace.

"We are following up a number of leads and would appeal to anyone in the community who feels they may have information which they think could help us, to get in touch."

Anyone with information about business crime is urged to contact the police on 0300 123 44 55

Firms should call police or e-mail their contact details to **burntwoodnpu@staffordshire.pnn.police.uk** to step up security.

Christmas tree thefts drop

FORESTRY Commission bosses say there have been no reports of Christmas trees being stolen from Cannock Chase this year.

The Birches Valley site has been blighted in recent years by thieves hacking down and stealing the valuable pine fir and spruce trees

Most incidents have been reported by concerned members of the public but environment manager Jason McLean said they had received no reports of thefts this year.

He said: "The general public tend to let us know if they see any thefts but this year we have not had any."

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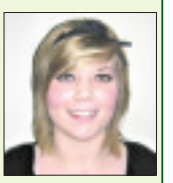

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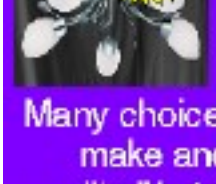

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TNT delivers early Christmas boost

DISABLED and disadvantaged youngsters were given an early Christmas present thanks to an amazing fundraising drive by TNT employees in Cannock.

Generous workers at TNT Express Services' depot on Wimblebury Road, contributed to a record-breaking £305,137 donation to the children's charity Wooden Spoon. Staff then braved the freezing weather to salute their achievement.

The big-hearted members of staff posed for a photo when the 'TNT-Wooden Spoon Charity Champion Tour' arrived at the depot with a 44ft long lorry sporting a giant-sized cheque and Christmas greeting to the charity.

The monster truck was one of two that was visiting TNT sites all over the country in recognition of the fundraisers to say a big 'thank you' for their generosity.

The £305,137 is the biggest single donation ever received by Wooden Spoon in support of youngsters who are mentally, physically or socially disadvantaged and takes TNT's cumulative donation to the charity past the £2.8m mark.

TNT's outgoing Regional Managing Director, Tom Bell, OBE, has been the inspiration behind the company's support for Wooden Spoon since 1997. Tom is retiring at the end of December after 33 years with the company.

He said: "I am delighted that TNT has been able to hand over our biggest single donation to Wooden Spoon. I am so proud of our people and their fantastic efforts."

Christmas card winner Millie Cooper of Fulfen Primary School with Express & Star regional advertising supervisor Alison Roberts and Andy Green of Uniseal UK Ltd

Millie's card is winner of competition

A BURNTWOOD youngster played her cards right to win a festive competition.

Millie Cooper was chosen as the winner of the Chronicle's Christmas card contest.

Every year, pupils from a local school are asked to design a Christmas card, with the readers choosing a winner.

Youngsters at Fulfen Primary School took part in this year's challenge, with more than 40 pupils taking the time to design the cards. Of all the entries, Millie was named the winner.

Millie's prize was a framed version of her Christmas card, a selection box and money for her school fund, donated by the Express & Star. She also received a set of the cards to send out to friends and family.

The schoolgirl was presented with her prize by Alison Roberts, Express & Star regional advertising manager and Andy Green, of Uniseal UK Ltd, sponsors of the winning card.

Alison said: "Yet again we had a high standard of entries. All the children did a super job.

"We congratulate Millie on her success and hope she enjoys her prizes."

Site visit is put on ice

A SITE visit planned by councillors at a village near Rugeley was cancelled because of the bad weather.

Members of Cannock Chase District Council's planning control committee had been due to visit a site in Post Office Lane, Slitting Mill, on Wednesday, December 22.

An application for outline permission for a new home has been submitted and councillors had wanted to look at the impact on a nearby junction.

College salon in a £100,000 revamp

CANNOCK students can now work in a state-of-the-art environment thanks to a £100,000 refurbishment of the hair and beauty salons at South Staffordshire College.

Extensive modernisation in the two hair dressing salons included walls being knocked out, a new waiting area for clients with access to the reception, new floors, replacement work stations and units, and a complete redecoration including contemporary blinds.

The changes , which took 10 weeks to carry out, will ensure that students enjoy a good learning experience in the best industry standard facilities and will provide a better teaching environment for both teachers and learners.

The new environment will also ensure an improved experience for clients, said a college spokesman.

The beauty treatment room has also enjoyed a makeover, with complete redecoration, new curtains, and an additional classroom transformed into a beauty salon.

"The improvements create a more professional, relaxed atmosphere for learners and staff and clients benefit from the improved ambience," the spokesman added.

Jean Bennett, curriculum manager for hairdressing at the Cannock campus, in The Green, is delighted with the results. She said: "Not only will the students and tutors be able to work in a better teaching environment, but our clients will benefit from the improved facilities."

South Staffordshire College is providing an excellent platform for its Hair and Beauty students to enter the work place, with continuing successes in the World Skills UK competitions.

Beauty Therapy student Charlotte Burford won a Bronze Medal at the World Finals in Calgary in 2009.

Makeover boost for students of hair, beauty

Charlotte Burford celebrates her award at last year's World Skills championships

L to r: back Nick Maslen (chief executive), John Richmond (volunteer), Wendy Johnson (co-ordinator for the befriending service), Robin Chacksfield (volunteer). Front Andy Carter (board chairman), and Jean Langston (volunteer)

Offer over wedding

A PROFESSIONAL toastmaster has offered his services for free for the wedding of a wounded Hednesford soldier.

Clive Smith, aged 25, lost both his legs in Afghanistan but is determined to walk his fiancee Sarah Bowker, 23, down the aisle.

David Emery, of Great Barr, said it would be an honour to act as toastmaster.

'Be a Friend' to elderly

THE South Staffordshire branch of Age UK has launched a campaign to save lives and improve the quality of life for elderly people.

The Could You Be a Friend? campaign was launched at Penkridge Resource Centre at the Roller Mill in Teddesley Road.

Elizabeth Marginson, Age UK marketing co-ordinator, said: "We urgently require 50 new volunteers to help us continue this good work across the patch – saving lives by providing at least one hour per week where we provide a listening ear, often do odd jobs, or telephone to check everything is okay."

Age UK helps older people who may not see many people across the week, and are vulnerable, lonely or isolated.

Mrs Marginson said: "There are two other main angles to the launch – we are unveiling our vision for the future with our new chairman and discussing how we are tackling the changing environment for adult and social care and rising to the challenges."

Business knack is shown by students

A TEAM of business minded Cannock students have won £100 for their company in this year's Young enterprise initiative.

'Tessuto', the self-made group, from Cheslyn Hay Community and Sports College won the funding after their business plan for the 'The Company Programme' scheme was highly praised by the Chase board judges.

After winning last year's Company Programme 2009 finals, the school has again started the Young Enterprise year on a high note.

This year's team is led by Managing Director Lucy Taylor and is being supported by Link teacher Amy Mwansaa and local business advisor Ian Webb.

The team will now decide how best to invest the money in order to move their company forward.

Tessuto are also busy preparing products to sell to capitalise on over the Christmas period and to take full advantage of selling opportunities at Young Enterprise Trade Fairs in the New Year.

Young Enterprise is the UK's leading education charity and is mentored by volunteers who support students to set up and run their own real company over an academic year.

It maps to certain elements of the curriculum as well as equipping students with more commercial skills and experience.

The initiative relies heavily on volunteers and is always looking for local business people for support and mentoring.

To learn more about how to get involved, e-mail tara@warnerconsulting.co.uk

Empty cash box is stolen

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following the theft of a cash box in Cannock.

At around 5.30am on Wednesday, December 22, two men approached the driver of a security cash-in transit van parked on Asda car park in Avon Road and demanded money.

The men took an empty cash box and ran off. It is not believed the men were armed and the driver was not assaulted.

One of the offenders was described as 6' 0" tall, and was wearing a hat, gloves, a zip-up training top and light coloured trousers. He wore a light coloured scarf around his face.

Police believe the offenders would have disposed of the box when they discovered there was nothing in it

Witnesses are asked to contact DC Julie Ferrie at Stafford CID on 0300 123 4455.

Give blood to start new year

THE National Blood Service is visiting Rugeley early in the new year.

There will be a donor session at the Mansfield House Progressive Working Men's Club in Market Street on Thursday, January 6.

Donors can make an appointment between 1.30pm and 3.30pm or 4.30pm and 7pm on 0300 123 2323.

Barbara, 87, quits training game

REGULARS at a Penkridge exercise class have bid a fond farewell to trainer Barbara Evans. Barbara decided to call it a day at the age of 87, after spending 17 years taking the classes at 'Alwyn's Exercises' at the Haling Dene Centre in Cannock Road.

Barbara, of Brewood, is a member of a leisure club and enjoys day trips round the country. A keen indoor bowls player, she worked as a doctor's receptionist.

A class member said: "Alwyn's Exercises will miss her great sense of humour, but members are not convinced that she won't be back again one day."

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Jobs boost as car parts firm to open

A NEW car parts trading centre is set to open in Cannock next year, creating 30 jobs.

Under new plans, Euro Car Parts, which has more than 85 branches in the UK, will open a new site at an as yet unconfirmed site in the town in early February. A new centre will also open in Redditch, Worcestershire as part of the company's UK expansion drive.

The centre in Cannock will be built in one of three possible locations, although company bosses have not made a final decision on the exact location, and nearly all jobs created will be full time posts.

Among the posts to be advertised in January will be an operations manager, sales manager, field sales manager, six sales advisers, eight drivers and up to four warehouse staff.

Recruitment manager John Powell said the company was looking to open about 20 new sites across the UK in the new year.

He added the company had been specifically targetting sites in the Midlands because of their close proximity to its new national distribution centre, in Tamworth, which opened in June, creating 350 jobs.

Mr Powell said: "We are probably looking at February rather than January for an opening date for both, but our centres usually have about 30 members of staff each.

"About 95 per cent of these will be full-time. We very rarely hire people part-time. One of the main reasons we wanted to open new centre in the Midlands is because of their proximity to the national distribution centre in Tamworth."

He added: "There are three options which our solicitors are looking at but we won't know the exact location for another week."

Mr Powell added once a site was identified the centre could be opened within a month.

It will be the third centre to open by the company in the West Midlands in the last eight months.

Award for learning outside classroom

A RUGELEY school has won a top national award for learning in the great outdoors. Western Springs Community Primary won the national Learning Outside the Classroom (LOtC) award.

The awards are presented in recognition of schools' commitment to providing a creative curriculum that challenges young people and offers them experience of the outdoor world.

Western Springs has been working closely with Shugborough, which has provided day trips to pupils.

They have been involved in a number of outdoor activities, including pond dipping, outdoor crafts, quarry visits and forest and woodland study.

Shugborough staff also helped the school apply for an LOtC grant to further pursue its outdoor studies.

Headteacher Shirley Wellings, who received the national overall prize on behalf of Western Springs, said: "We are extremely proud to receive this award. Our teachers work hard to ensure all of our pupils' benefit from a programme of learning that motivates, engages and develops their skills and understanding of the world around them."

Success

She added: "The impact of our revised creative curriculum and LOtC activities has been so positive, it has helped to lift the school out of special measures in the last three years and this award reflects that success."

County Councillor Liz Staples, Cabinet Member for Schools said: "This is a tremendous achievement for Western Springs.

"They have worked extremely hard to ensure all pupils benefit from the programme, using the fantastic facilities that Shugborough has to offer.

"Pupils have seen a real benefit from looking at the outside world, and this can only have a positive affect on their education."

Funds joy for youth group

A CHASE youth group is celebrating after receiving funding to buy equipment for its club.

Rugeley Neighbourhood Policing Team set up the Rugeley Young People's partnership five years ago to help tackle anti-social behaviour by providing local youths with activities to keep them off the streets.

The partnership secured funding from the Coalfields Regeneration Trust to buy equipment for Prospect village summer and winter club based at Rawnsley.

PCSO Sean Nicholls, who helps to run the club on Friday evenings for children aged from 10-16, said: "The children and everyone involved in running the club, are delighted with the new equipment that has been bought."

Nicholas Milakovic, who runs the club with parents and volunteers said: "We are extremely grateful for the contribution our neighbourhood policing team have made to this community."

Jail term over fire at salon

TWO convicted arsonists who set fire to a shop in Penkridge leaving behind more than £90,000 worth of damage and lost business have been given jail sentences totalling seven years.

Jurors ruled that Adam Wyles and mother-to-be Lisa Mason were both responsible for the blaze at The Beauty Rooms in Wolverhampton Road in June.

Two women, one with her young son, had to flee as the fire threatened to spread to neighbouring dwellings.

Mason, aged 38, of Harrison Road, Cannock, and Wyles, 31, of Somerset Place, Chadsmoor, each admitted burgling the beauty salon but were convicted of arson, being reckless as to whether life was endangered. Wyles, who admitted a separate charge of arson – burning clothes stolen from the shop – was jailed for a total of four years at Stafford Crown Court. Mason was jailed for three years.

The beauty salon was owned by Wyles's former girlfriend, Dawn Kidd. Wyles claimed she owed him money and, together with Mason, set off from Cannock to Penkridge to get it by breaking in to her shop.

They found no cash, but stole clothes and started a fire. Judge John Maxwell told them: "I think this was a drunken escapade with no clear motive."

Mr Daniel Oscroft, for Mason, said she was expecting twins in the new year.

Presents for injured soldiers given out

Family to the rescue as gifts are delivered

A FAMILY came to the rescue of a disabled Rugeley woman who feared she would not be able to deliver Christmas presents to injured soldiers in Birmingham,

Lucy Pratt, aged 32, has Down's syndrome, heart problems, and also battles with breathing difficulties.

She has collected more than a dozen presents for injured servicemen and women recovering in Selly Oak Hospital.

Having saved every spare penny to buy the presents, Lucy, from Millmoor Avenue, feared she would not be able to deliver them because her mother does not drive and is not well enough to use public transport.

But a group of volunteers from Lichfield got in touch and offered to drive her to and from the hospital and to help her deliver the gifts.

The hoard of 16 presents included toiletries such as after shave and shower gel.

Lucy's mother Maureen said: "I am really glad it's come together for her because she was getting quiet worried they wouldn't get them."

The family said they were moved to help Lucy after reading about her fundraising efforts for good causes in the face of her own personal tragedies.

One family member said: "She is very brave, she has had a lot of tragedy in her life and yet she is still thinking of others.

"We thought the least we can do is to offer to help her deliver her presents."

Lucy's father died last year, and she also lost her brother, Stephen, to cancer aged just 39.

Despite her problems, Lucy saves every spare penny she can to donate to charity.

This year she has been saving for British soldiers.

Champ Ellie kicks off Santa dash

Paralympic swimming champion Ellie Simmonds starts the BDF Newlife Santa Dash through Cannock from Chase Leisure Centre

Drummer Doug Smith and Piper Jord Tochalce play as they take part in the BDF Newlife Santa Dash through Cannock from Chase Leisure Centre

SANTAS dashed through Cannock to raise money for disabled children.

The Newlife Foundation for Disabled Children, based in Hemlock Way, organised the 1.5 mile run which will hope will now become an annual event.

Paralympic swimming champion Ellie Simmonds accepted an invitation to start the fun event from Chase Leisure Centre, in Stafford Road.

People from across the region braved the Arctic conditions and the snow to take part.Sheila Brown OBE, the chief executive of Newlife, said she was worried about the weather, but they encouraged people to have a santa 'dawdle' instead of a 'dash'.

She said: "It's been absolutely fantastic, everyone's really got in to the festive spirit.

"It's been Cannock's first ever Santa run and it won't be the last. If the snow and ice can't stop us this year, then nothing can."

Mrs Brown is not sure how much money has been raised from the event yet. However, she is optimistic that the total will run into the thousands. Cannock Chase District Council and Cannock Shopping Centre both supported the start of the event, which will brought some festive cheer to the town centre on the morning of Saturday, December 18.

The dash got under way at 11am and the route crossed Park Road and went on to Market Place to finish at the bandstand where the dashing Santas crossed the finish line to be met by families and others supporting Newlife

Project grants on offer

COMMUNITY groups in Burntwood can apply for extra funding through a new councilled initiative.

Grants of up to £200 are available to spend on local projects.

The Burntwood Community Chest grants are available to fund activities, equipment, training or volunteering opportunities. For an application form, log on to www.lichfielddc.gov.uk/burntwoodcommunitychest or pick one up from the Old Mining College Centre in Chasetown.

The Burntwood Community Chest scheme is jointly funded by Lichfield District Council, Burntwood Town Council and Bromford Living.

The deadline for applications is February 28. Call Ryan Waldron on 01543 308225 or email ryan.waldron@lichfielddc. gov.uk

Online petition service set up

PEOPLE in Cannock can create, sign and submit petitions online through a new scheme introduced by Cannock Chase Council.

An 'e-petitioner' can set up an online petition on Cannock Chase Council's website at www.cannockchasedc.gov.uk to raise local matters of interest or concern.

Once a petition has been approved, other people can add their support until a specified closing date. A petition can raise awareness of a particular campaign, put issues on the agenda which might not otherwise be considered or let the authority know the strength of feeling about a particular issue.

Councillor Chris Collis, corporate improvement leader, said: "Online petitions are part of the council's ongoing commitment to listening to and acting on the views of the public. This new service is just an easier way for people to ask us to consider a particular issue."

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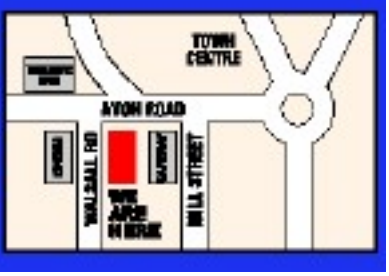

Former principal dies at 79 after long illness

Charles McGregor

A CANNOCK man who was once the head of a South Staffordshire training college has died aged 79.

Charles McGregor, of Hunter Road, died after a long illness on Monday, December 20. Mr McGregor had suffered from Alzheimer's Disease for eight years.

Known nationally as a management training expert, Mr McGregor was principal at Pendrell Hall, in Codsall Wood, from 1979 until retiring in 1992.

He was also well known throughout the Midlands for his literary prowess, having written many stories, poems and sketches, some of which were televised.

Mr McGregor was educated at Loughborough and Nottingham universities. He spent nine years at Stafford College as tutor organiser for adult education before promotion to Pendrell Hall.

There, he ran a variety of courses for the retired, including classical music and poetry courses, bringing in visiting lecturers. He himself lectured at residential colleges across England.

Mr McGregor also started a tradition, which continued after he left, of Christmas parties featuring entertainment by Albrighton Music Theatre, where he and his wife of 57 years Mikki were members.

The couple gave performances at homes and hospices across the region,. He dressed as a tramp with a repertoire of jokes while his wife sang, raising around £1,000 for St Giles Hospice in Lichfield.

His hobbies were game-fishing, painting and theatre.

Mr McGregor leaves Mikki, three children David, Jane and Robert, four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mrs McGregor said: "He was a genuinely warm-hearted gentleman and leaves many friends and happy memories."

Student firefighters Shaun Griffiths and Joe Cartwright (both aged 15) and classmates demonstrate their skills as they pass out at Rugeley Fire Station

Young firefighters display their skills

STUDENT firefighters took part in a celebration of success at Rugeley Fire Station.

The youngsters aged 14 and 15 from secondary schools in Rugeley and Cannock took part in a 12-week course at the Bryans Lane station. It was run by Rugeley firefighters Mark Downes and Simon England.

The 22 student firefighters gave a display of all the skills they have learned on the course for their parents and special guests. Each of them was presented with their Asdan award and a certificate.

A course for a new intake of student firefighters will be starting in January.

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Sir Patrick set to lord it in 'other' chamber

HIS parliamentary seat may have undergone a series of reincarnations during the last 40 years, but Sir Patrick Cormack's passion for politics has remained rock solid.

After 10 successful election campaigns, Sir Patrick – the second longest serving Tory MP after Sir Peter Tapsell – is now sitting in the "other" chamber.

He has made no secret of his desire to be given a peerage since announcing his retirement a year ago.

"I am looking forward to being an active working peer," he says. "I believe passionately in the supremacy of the Commons. It is the elected House and must always have the last word.

"But at the same time I have always believed in the good sense of having a second chamber that is not elected. We do not have the power to defeat the House of Commons, we can only delay legislation.

"If we had another elected chamber, there would be at some stage a clash between the two, and that would not be in the interests of either. So I am fundamentally opposed to an elected second chamber."

Brought up in a church-going family which was very Conservative-inclined, his parents were no activists. His father who served in the RAF during the Second World War did vote Labour once, in 1945. A fortnight passed before his mother would speak to his father again.

"I was a grammar school boy who was particularly turned on by politics in 1956 – the year of the Suez crisis and the Hungarian uprising," he reveals. In his late teens he joined the young Conservatives and was elected local branch chairman.

Sir Patrick – fascinated by politics since childhood

It is through the movement that he met his wife, Mary, who helped him during his ultimately unsuccessful 1966 election campaign in his hometown seat of Grimsby. Two years earlier he had failed to tak the safe Labour seat of Bolsover, Derbyshire.

In September, 1967, Sir Patrick took a job as schoolmaster at Wrekin College in Wellington, Shropshire.

He took himself off the candidates list and had no desire, at first, to fight the 1970 election. But the political bug had got him, and he found life away from politics "intolerable".

He fought and won the Cannock seat – narrowly defeating the sitting Labour MP Jennie Lee, the wife of NHS founder Aneurin Bevan. He describes the events surrounding the first miners' strikes in 1972 as having the "biggest impression" on him during his first term in office.

"Mining communities, the older part, the more urban part of the Cannock constituency – Cannock itself, Great Wyrley and Cheslyn Hay and Essington – they had a great social cohesion. I will always remember them with great affection."

In the 1974 election he contested and won the newly drawn seat of South West Staffordshire – which became the current seat of South Staffordshire in 1983. With a hung parliament, Labour had a handful of seats short of an overall majority over the Tories, and so formed a pact with the Liberals.

Writing

"It was during that period that I persuaded the late Reg Prentice, a Labour cabinet minister, to resign and then to join the Tory Party. My wife typed his resignation letter and I delivered it to 10 Downing Street."

There were no big salaries or allowances for properties in those days so Sir Patrick spent a great deal of time writing and produced six books in five years.

The 71-year-old says his disagreements with former Premier Margaret Thatcher probably put paid to any hope of a ministerial career.

"I have an enormous respect and regard for Mrs Thatcher, but I am afraid, politically, we frequently did not see eye-to-eye. Most notable of all was the so-called poll tax where I consistently voted against it, and I have no regrets.

"I put myself in a position really where I couldn't be in government."

Sir Patrick was twice passed over for the deputy speakership by his party – and has twice failed in his bids to become Speaker.

Since standing down as an MP, there hasn't been much time to adjust to a new pattern of life. But he has found time for charity work, books, visits to art galleries and writing.

"To be able to call weekends my own has been rather nice," he says. "I hope I will be able to see more of my family and four grandchildren."

He is working on a book, but he says people should not expect explosive secrets to be revealed, or confidences to be broken.

Sir Patrick says there are some regrets, though. "I would have liked the opportunity of being in charge of a department in government.

"I was disappointed when I didn't succeed in either of the Speakership elections.

"I would have liked to have crowned my service in the Commons with a spell in the chair, but it was not meant to be, and it seemed important to accept that with good grace and move on."

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Mothers automatically have parental responsibility as do fathers if married to the child's mother, or if registered on the child's birth certificate (provided the child's birth was registered after 1st December 2003). Step-parents can also obtain parental responsibility.

A Residence Order can be applied for by either parent (or others in certain circumstances) should the pair be unable to agree on who the child should live with. During this process an officer from the Children and Family Court Advisory and Support service may meet with the child and both parents to assess the situation. The Court makes its decision based on what is in the best interests of the child. Shared residence orders are becoming more common and residence orders can be obtained by the child's parent guardian, step parent who lives with the child, or a grandparent.

A Contact Order can be applied for by either parent (or others in certain circumstances) when it can't be agreed how often the parent with whom the child is not living with have contact. Contact orders can set out the precise times and dates that contact must take place, including overnight and holiday arrangements. In certain situations the Court can be asked to decide whether a parent should have any contact with the child at all, or whether contact should be supervised.

In addition to Residence and Contact Orders, parents may apply to the Court to decide a specific issue about the child. This can include decisions concerning whether the child should undergo specific medical treatment or which school they should go to.

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Overheating car battery caused blaze at garage

STAFFORDSHIRE Fire and Rescue say a blaze at a Hednesford business was caused by an overheating car battery.

Crews from Cannock, Rugeley, Chase Terrace and Lichfield were called to Premier Autos on the Anglesey Business Park, Littleworth Road, at 5.55am on Monday, December 20. A neighbouring factory had reported a fire in the garage.

Firefighters made a difficult forced entry to the metal clad garage and found a car was well alight, the building was also heavily smoke logged.

Station manager, Mick Jahn said: "The crews battled the flames quickly using one main jet and two hose reel jets.

"The building is detached which meant we could surround it from all sides to put the fire out as soon as possible and thanks to the neighbouring factory calling it in, we managed to limit damage."

Flat fire is tackled

A MAN was taken to hospital following a flat fire in Chadsmoor.

Crews from Cannock, Penkridge and Chase Terrace were called to Cannock Road at 7.40am on Tuesday, December 21

The fire started in the lounge and was ignited accidentally by a gas fire.

The three male occupants received oxygen therapy from paramedics at the scene. One of the men went to hospital.

Appeal against refusal

AN appeal has been lodged over the refusal of a scheme to build two detached homes on a site in Burntwood. Lichfield District Council turned down an application by Firstpost Homes Ltd to put two five-bedroom houses with detached garages on land at Rake Hill. No hearing date has yet been set.

From left, Charlotte Smith, Jessica Wall, Caoimhe Gibson, Freddie Cox and Max Redpath with the play equipment in the new outdoor area at Horn End Nursery, Rugeley

Tots enjoy the great outdoors

IT maybe winter but adventurous youngsters from a Rugeley nursery are more than happy to spend their time outside in a brand new classroom.

Horn End Nursery, in Wharf Road, has unveiled the outdoor space, which is protected from the elements and has a UV filter in its roofing to dim bright sunshine.

It includes a craft area and painting easel, so children can do wall paintings, sculptures with boxes and tubes and chalk drawings.

The tots will also be encouraged to collect natural outdoor objects to develop maths skills and record weather changes on a special chart.

A raised vegetable garden is on its way soon, while children can rest on soft weather-proof flooring and outdoor cushions, or express themselves in a music area which includes instrument stands.

Nursery manager Emma Scholes said: "It is our aim to develop all areas of the curriculum outside.

"In many ways it is considered an open air classroom and it provides numerous opportunities for learning."

The final piece in the classroom's jigsaw is a builder's yard, designed for boys, which houses cement mixers, hard hats and wheelbarrows.

Emma added: "Research has shown that boys are underachieving in educational settings and role-playing helps create the right conditions for their learning.

"Horn End is taking steps to ensure boys are given the same opportunities to learn as girls.

"The children absolutely love this addition to outdoors."

Annual meeting

THE Landor Local History Society in Rugeley will hold its annual meeting on Wednesday, January 19.

The meeting will be held at The Sneydlands, Bryans Lane, from 7.30pm.

David Barratt and Robin Mathams will visit the society on February 16 to give a talk on the history of Rugeley's Trent Valley railway station, on the West Coast Main Line.

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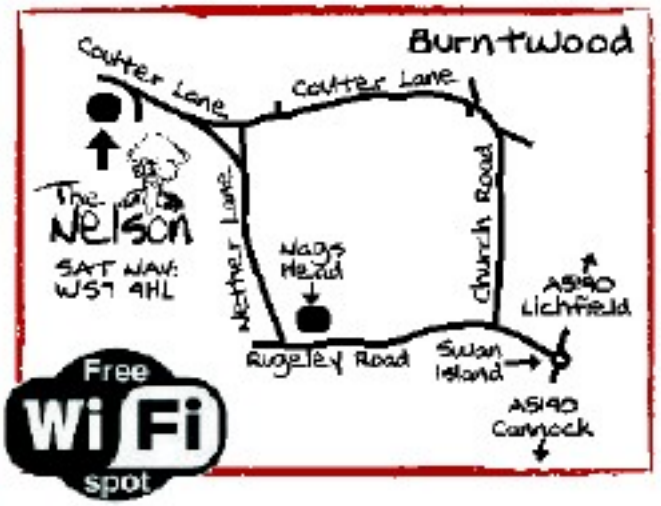

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Charity stores issue plea as stocks dwindle

Icy weather leads to fall in shop donations

FREEZING temperatures in the run-up to Christmas led to festive donations of goods to charity shops plummet.

Traditionally, Christmas is one of the store's busiest times for volunteers at British Heart Foundation stores in Cannock, Rugeley and Lichfield. However, because of the cold snap, donations were down by 80 per cent.

Hundreds of clothes, toys, games and books are traditionally donated the charity's shops, with thousands of pounds being raised.

The cash is used to help fund research to help beat heart disease, which is one of Britain's biggest killers, as well as providing advice, support, information and training for heart disease sufferers.

But store volunteers saw donations virtually dry up as snow and ice made roads hazardous and discouraged people from leaving their homes.

Staff, concerned about their dwindling stock, issued a public call for donations. The charity is also offering to provide free home collections of goods for anyone who cannot reach the shops themselves.

Spectrum

Joy Harrison, manager of the store in Market Street, Lichfield, said: "This has a severe impact on ability to raise funds and we'd like to appeal to the public for help. Stock is getting very low."

Jane Leone, the Brook Square, Rugeley store manager, added: "Without the stock, we can't raise money which would pay for heart monitors, heart nurses, literature and aftercare.

"It is a wide spectrum of services that are being affected and it is heart disease patients who will be affected."

Bosses at the Cannock store, in Market Place, said their donations had also fallen. Staff are also offering free home collections.

Stores across the area need good quality clothes, shoes, handbags, toys, games, bric-a-brac furniture, electrical items, DVDs, CDs and books.

To arrange a free stock collection in Rugeley call 01889 585926, in Lichfield call 01543 410969 and in Cannock call 01543 505109.

Olivia Worton (aged two) and her dad Lee with children and staff from St John's Nursery, Heath Hayes

Just the ticket for helping out carers

A NURSERY raised more than £100 towards care for children suffering from a rare genetic disorder.

St John's Nursery, in Hednesford Road, Heath Hayes, raised £113 for the Williams Syndrome Foundation in support of a two-year-old girl who suffers from the condition.

Williams Syndrome causes learning difficulties, stunts growth and can cause heart murmurs.

Olivia Worton was born with the condition, which affects about one in every 25,000 births in the UK.

The nursery's Christmas raffle was held in aid of the Williams Syndrome Foundation to support people caring for sufferers. Parents were asked to donate towards a Christmas sweet hamper, while Heath Hayes Spar store donated £35 of confectionery. Paintball tickets, a free ice-skating session and a family ticket to The Black Country Living Museum were also among the prizes.

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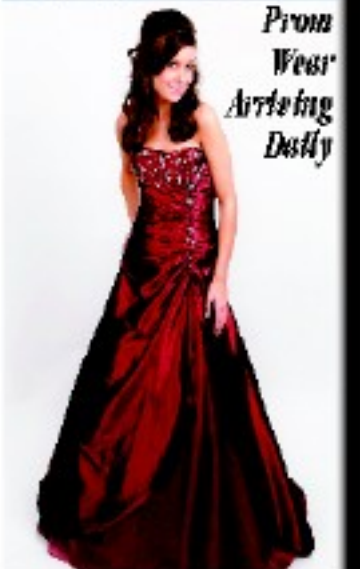

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Lawyers say Morris denied an ID parade

THE man jailed for the Cannock Chase murders was denied an identity parade and instead made to stand alone in a police yard in front of a witness, according to his legal team.

Solicitors acting for Raymond Morris claim police procedures were manipulated back in the 1960s to strengthen the case against him.

They also say police interview notes were tampered with and there was new expert evidence to suggest that one page of a police statement had been rewritten.

Morris, a former engineer from Green Lane, Walsall, has been in jail for 42 years for the murder of seven-year-old

Raymond Morris

Walsall girl Christine Darby in 1967. He is also the prime suspect in the killings of schoolgirls Margaret Reynolds, aged six, of Aston, and five-year-old Diane Tift from Bloxwich.

Now aged 81, Morris's bid to get his case to the Court of Appeal was rejected by the Criminal Cases Review Commission (CCRC) back in June, and he is now awaiting the outcome of a judicial review of that decision.

Honourable Mr Justice Simon will announce his verdict in the new year.

Morris's solicitor Amy-Jo Cutts, of Norrie Waite and Slater, said there had been a seven-year investigation into his case that concluded police procedures had been manipulated to deny him the protection of an identification parade.

She said he was made to stand alone in the police yard and the witness brought up to identify him. Mrs Cutts said these issues were at the heart of their appeal case.

Morris, a divorced father of two, is a serving prisoner at HMP Wymott in Preston.

Band's Jazzy Logos Selected

With Just Look Similar are pupils Tom Moore (aged 13), Emilee Chapman (15) and Sam Abley (11)

STUDENTS in Great Wyrley were asked to design a logo for JLS tribute band.

Just Look Similar visited Great Wyrley Performing Arts High School and picked the winning designs by Tom Moore, aged 13, Sam Abley, 11, and Emilee Chapman, 15.

The logos will be used by the Cheslyn Hay-based band to feature on all their promotional material.

The band's manager Nicholas Pamment said the group were overwhelmed by the standard and amount of entries, with more than 400 students taking part. Sam's poster will be used for all future gig promotions and Emilee's words will be incorporated on to Tom's "electric blue" poster for the band's official logo.

Mr Pamment said: "It down. It was an immense response."

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BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.00** Strictly Kitchen Live. **9.15** Football Focus. **10.30** BBC News. Regional News Weather. **10.45** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message. **10.50** Doctor Who (7) **11.50** Film: Bee Movie (2007) Premiere. Animated comedy with the voice of Jerry Seinfeld. **3.00** Film: WALL-E (2008) Premiere. Pixar animated adventure, with the voice of Ben Burtt. **5.10** Pilot Scores. **5.15** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.40** The Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull. (2008)

7.20 The Englishman. New series. Lenny Henry presents a changing cast in which three international stars are paired up with celebrities and perform tricks to prove who is the best magician.

8.30 Horrible Histories. Rock 'n' roll Hamlet with alternative ending.

9.00 Come Fly With Me. A single man flies on a budget passenger jet.

9.30 Live at the Apollo. With Lenny Henry, Mike Wilmot and Tommy Tiernan. Last in the series.

10.00 The National Lottery: Saturday Night Draw. Presented by Jenni Falconer.

10.10 EastEnders: Unveiled.

10.30 Week of the Dog. Including West Bromwich Albion v Manchester United; National Lottery Update.

11.30 The Football League Show. Highlights of today's games; Weather news.

1.15 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 Breakfast. **7.00** CBBC. **9.35** CBeebies. **11.15** New Year's Day Concert from Vienna 2011. **12.45** Film: The War Bride. (2001) Wartime drama, starring Anna Friel. **2.40** Film: The Prince Who Was a Thief. (1951) Drama, starring Robert Rochat. **3.55** The Archbishop of Canterbury's New Year Message. (R) **4.00** The Indian Doctor. (R)

5.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championship. The evening session on the opening day at the Lakeside Country Club in Frimley Green, where Martin Adams v Tony Westlo among other hot sound matches.

7.00 Doc's Away. The pigeon name the local lighthouse. (R)

7.30 The Hairdresser and Miss Christmas Show 1976. The disappearance of the canned health guests including Elton John, Dec O'Connor, John Travolta, Dennis Waterman, Angela Rippon, Nate O'Mara and the Rolling. (R)

8.00 Bits and Bobs. One-off shows about Morecambe and Wise's early years; from their meeting on the different variety shows to their first TV appearances. Victoria Wood and Jim Moir are.

10.30 Bits and Bobs – Behind the Scenes. Documentary charting the duo's early years.

11.30 FILE: Ricky Tomp. (1993) Comedy starring Lenny Henry.

1.05 Darts: BDO World Championships. **1.55** Close: Eras.

ITV1

6.00 GTTV: The Philly Diet. **7.00** Teletubbies. **7.20** Film: The Never Ending Story. (1984) Fantasy adventure starring Barret Oliver. **9.05** The Planets Funniest Animals. (R) **9.30** Coronation Street. **10.00** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Midsomer Murders. (R) **11.50** Downton Abbey. (R) **12.50** Downton Abbey. (R) **1.30** ITV News; Weather. **1.55** Film: Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban. (2004) Fantasy adventure, starring Daniel Radcliffe.

3.50 Pilkwood. New series. After a year trapped in the Cretaceous period, Connor and Abby return to find RFC has been taken over by a new regime and their jobs are hanging in the balance.

4.40 Take Me Out. A dating show, a reality, a romance, a game show and a first date all rolled up into one. Paddy McGuinness presents.

5.35 FILE: Forgetting Sarah Marshall. (2008) Preview. After being unceremoniously dumped by his girlfriend and her new boyfriend are staying at the same resort. Romantic comedy with Jason Segel and Kristen Bell.

10.55 ITV News/Weather.

11.00 FILE: Forgetting Sarah Marshall. (2008) Preview Concluded.

12.10 Film: American Pie: The Wedding. (2003) (TV News Headlines) **1.55** Film: Blues Brothers 2000. (1998) **5.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sell Mad. (R) **6.30** The Hoobs. (R) **6.55** The Hoobs. (R) **7.00** ET Weekly. (R) **7.30** Pressports on 4. **7.55** The Morning Line. **8.30** The Friends. (R) **9.25** The Friends. (R) **9.30** T4: T4 Sons of 2010. (R) **12.30** T4: Gloo. (R) **1.00** Channel 4 Racing. **4.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.00** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.30** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.00** Come Dine with Me. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News.

7.00 Making Mate. The issue of peace between Israel and Palestinians.

8.00 FILE: Infrapedhead Days. (1980) The UD president leads the fight against a force of seemingly indestructible aliens intent on conquering Earth. Sci-fi adventure, with Will Smith, Bill Pullman and Jeff Goldblum.

9.00 Father Ted: Flight. An introduction to an evening of programmes.

9.05 Unbuilding an Design. The inspiration behind comedy Father Ted.

9.15 Father Ted. An episode of the canned priest by viewers. (R)

9.45 Come Fly Away – The World of Father Ted. A road trip to celebration of the comedy's 15th anniversary.

11.15 Father Ted. The drove rebec introduction their favourite episode. (R)

11.50 FILE: The Hurt Locker. (2008) (DTS) Black comedy with Charles Grodin.

1.30 Comedy Lab: Model Mash. (R) **2.15** Dirty Sexy Money. (R) **3.00** Brothers & Sisters. (R) **3.50** Desperate Housewives. (R)

Channel Five

5.00 Milkshake. **8.00** Zoo Days. (R) **10.20** Film: High Society. (1956) Musical romantic comedy with Bing Crosby and Grace Kelly. **12.15** Tennis. (R) **4.35** Film: The Sandpiper. (1965) John Ford's Western, starring John Wayne.

6.15 Five News.

6.30 CSI: Miami. Calleigh is poisoned on a mission as a result of snake inhalation. A flood while investigating a gangland death – and with her out of action, Alexx Woods returns to help protect a witness. (R)

7.30 CSI: Miami. Defence attorney Derek Powell is found murdered. (R)

8.30 CSI: Miami. Ryan frames a security guard for murder following pressure from Russian mobsters, who have taken his friend Mark. Cunningham hostage as a burglar ring. Starring Jonathan Togo. (R)

9.30 CSI: NY. One of the CSIs is gunned down while recording radio image Robert Dunbrook's confession. Sadly, Jo plays his father in court. Guest starring Molly. (R)

10.30 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. Simple murder case turns Catherine. (R)

11.30 Supercasino. **1.00** Brum Sweets: Grand Tour. (R) **1.30** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **2.00** The Family Restore. (R) **2.30** Hands Helpline. (R) **3.00** The Mitchell Girls. (R) **3.45** Thomas & Friends. (R) **3.55** Rory the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2

6.00 Take Me Out and Get Your Fair Lady. **7.00** Personal – Before the Dance. **7.30** Film: Murder at Lake Garda. (2010) **9.00** Film: The Holiday. (2006)

ITV3

7.00 Film: The Three Musketeers. (2011) **9.00** Agatha Christie's Poirot. **9.00** Poirot. **11.00** Taggart. **12.00** Bodies. **1.00** Bodies.

ITV4

5.30 Film: Charlotte Rhodes Finds Wild. **7.00** Film: Manhattan. (1979) **9.00** The Professionals. **10.00** Inside. **11.00** Ultimate Force. **12.00** Cracker. **1.00** Cracker. (2002)

BBC THREE

7.00 Wallace & Gromit: The Wrong Trousers. **7.30** Film: Mary Poppins. (1964) **10.00** Monty Python. **10.30** Monty Python. **11.00** Absolutely Fabulous. **11.30** Absolutely Fabulous. **12.00** Family Guy.

BBC FOUR

7.00 New Year's Day Concert. **8.00** Wallander: The Pyramid. **9.30** Charlie Brooker's 2010 Wipe. **10.30** Bleak.

E4

6.00 Hollyoaks. **6.30** Make It or Break It. **7.00** Friends. **8.00** The Big Bang Theory. **9.00** How I Met Your Mother. **9.30** Friends. **10.00** Film: The Transporter 2. (2005) **11.50** The Ice Gradual Standup. **12.50**

FILM4

6.00 The Englishman Who Went Up a Hill But Came Down a Mountain. (1995) **8.00** Big. (1988) **10.00** Runaway Bride. (1999) Sparkling romantic comedy. Journalist Maggie Carpenter is about to write a piece on her ex-fiancé, Ike Graham, who left her at the altar. Now he's back in town and Maggie is determined to get her revenge. Starring Julia Roberts, Richard Gere and Joan Cusack. **12.00** Art Home Special. Barry Boyle. James Franco and Kate Bosworth discuss their new film. **1.00** The Godfather. (1972) Mario Puzo's Mafia epic. Francis Ford Coppola's gangster drama, starring Marlon Brando and Al Pacino.

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BBC1, 9pm

Fully Saved seems to have been born to be a TV adaptation of Lee Child's hugely popular series of novels featuring Jack Reacher, the ex-military investigator with a unique sense of justice and an unstoppable right hook. Sometimes, though, he's not quite as invincible as he thinks he is, as he discovers when he's framed for murder and finds himself up against a corrupt police force and a ruthless criminal gang. Tom Cruise takes the lead role in this big-budget action thriller, which also features Rosamund Pike, David Oyelowo, Werner Herzog and Robert Duvall. Directed by Christopher McQuarrie, who also wrote the screenplay, the film is based on Child's ninth Reacher novel, One Shot.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. **9.25** Mr Bean. **9.40** Waybuloo. **9.55** Get Well Soon. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **10.30** Escape to the Country (R) **11.20** Eggheads. **12.00** Pointless. **12.45** Flog It! (R) **1.30** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. **4.00** Rugby League: Super League Grand Final. **5.15** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Day two at the Lakeside Country Club. Commentary by Tony Green, David Croft and Vincent Alexander.

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9.00 Audio with Bruce Forsyth. New series. The adventurous experiences film in the Silence in wilderness.

10.00 Bleak with the Boy. Chelsea v Aston Villa and Wigan Athletic v Newcastle United.

11.00 Never Mind the Bromwells. Robert Webb guest hosts, with Cee Lo Green, Chris Rowbury, Andi Osho and Example. (R)

11.40 The Live Life Like Me: A Profile. A profile of TV producer Bill Cotton.

12.30 Darts: BDO World Championships. **1.30** Darts: Extra. **2.30** BBC News. **4.30** Close.

BBC2

6.00 Cbeebies. **2.00** CBBC. **10.00** Something for the Weekend. **10.30** Escape to the Country (R) **11.20** Eggheads. **12.00** Pointless. **12.45** Flog It! (R) **1.30** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. **4.00** Rugby League: Super League Grand Final. **5.15** Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Day two at the Lakeside Country Club. Commentary by Tony Green, David Croft and Vincent Alexander.

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ITV1

6.00 GTV: The Fully Club. **7.25** Teentalk. **8.25** Film: Curious George. (2006) Children's animated adventure, with the voice of Will Ferrell. **11.00** Film: Brotherhood 5th. (2003) Family comedy, starring Dwight Chase. **12.35** You've Been Framed! (R) **1.15** ITV News Weather. **1.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **2.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **3.30** Downton Abbey. (R) **4.30** Regional Programmes. **4.55** ITV News Weather. **5.00** Film: The Incredible Hulk. (2008) Premiere. Conditioned adventure, starring Edward Norton.

7.00 Filmnight. Reunited with an old friend, Connor encounters a deadly enemy as he is drawn into the riddle and finds evidence of a friend's killer, and Matt soon arrives to help and the twist.

8.00 The Great Celebrity Speed-Up. Conservation Street's Jennifer McAlpine and boxer Ricky Hatton play for charity.

9.00 Agatha Christie's Marple. The murders death investigation when a poisoned cocktail appears to herald a series of attacks on the life of a Hollywood actress. Julia McKenzie stars, with Lindsay Duncan.

11.00 ITV News Weather.

11.15 The Comedy Award 2010. Comedians give their verdict on the defining moments of the year. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union: ITV News Headlines. **1.15** Film: The Stunts. (1996) **3.00** ITV Nightscreen. **5.30** ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Deli Mark. (R) **6.05** The Treacle People. (R) **6.15** The Hooks. (R) **6.30** The Hooks. (R) **7.00** Athletics. (R) **8.00** Friends. (R) **8.30** Friends. (R) **9.00** The Albert Short Show. Innocence. Jacob J. **9.25** Hollyoaks. **10.00** The Sims. (R) **10.05** The Simpsons. (R) **10.30** The Simpsons. (R) **10.55** Film: Son of the Mask. (2004) Fantasy comedy sequel, starring Jamie Kennedy. **12.35** The Simpsons. (R) **1.00** Deal or No Deal. **2.00** Channel 4 News. **2.12** 4thoughts. **2.00** Film: Iron Man. (2008) Premiere. Superhero adventure, starring Robert Downey Jr.

5.00 Frasers and Brothers. New series. Eight celebrities compete in extreme sports, including mountain bike racing and BMX riding. Clinic Dance and Clare Balding present. Contains some violence.

10.00 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. The host is joined by actor and boxer Ian Matt Lucas, who discusses his new BBC1 series Come Fly with Me, and pop band Alcatraz.

11.15 Lee Evans: 11 Tour: The comedian performs at Cardiff International Arena in front of more than 1,000 fans, as part of his nationwide tour in 2008. (R)

12.10 Music on 4: Russian Standard Originals Presents. (R) **12.25** Music on 4: Late Night Sessions. (R) **1.00** American Football: Live. A match from the final round of the regular season. **5.00** British Triathlon Grand Prix. (R) **5.55** Brothers & Sisters. The legal fallout and Kitty's wedding arrives. (R)

Channel Five

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **8.05** Ready the Penny Car. (R) **8.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. (R) **8.25** Fireman Sam. (R) **8.50** Rupert Bear. (R) **8.55** Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) **9.00** Mio Mao. (R) **9.05** Tree Workies. (R) **9.20** Chloe. (R) **9.25** Hamy and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) **9.35** Make Way for Noddy. (R) **9.50** Handy Helpline. (R) **9.55** Little Princess. (R) **10.25** The Adventures of Bobble Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) **10.35** Family. (R) **11.00** Clash. (R) **11.15** The Mr Men Show. (R) **11.30** George Shrinks. (R) **11.50** Sharkdog: Corky. **12.15** True Jackson, VP. **12.50** Zoo Days. (R) **1.00** Film: Around the World in 80 Days. (1956) Period adventure, starring David Niven. **3.05** Film: Agent Cody Banks 2: Destination London. (2004) Family comedy adventure sequel, starring Frankie Muniz. **5.00** Five News. **5.40** Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. (R)

6.00 Film: The Thursday Murders. (1974) The world's richest man is found dead in his office, leaving party-goers trapped in the 12th floor. Disaster results, starring Paul Newman, Sterling Hayden, Joanne Dunn and Wilfrid Hyde-White.

7.00 Flash Flood Rescue: Celebrity Rescues. Countdown of the year's best water rescues down to (R)

12.00 Russell and Katy Get Married. (R) **1.00** SuperCasino. **4.00** Dylan Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) **5.00** Animal Rescue Squad. (R) **5.55** The Family People. (R) **6.00** Handy Helpline. (R) **6.15** The Unnatural Show. (R) **6.25** Thomas & Friends. (R) **6.35** Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2

6.00 Coronation Street. **6.30** Take Me Out. **7.30** Film: Casanova. (2005) **9.00** Be Here Now. **10.00** Film: Love Actually. (2003)

ITV3

6.00 Film: The Four Musketeers. (1974) **8.30** Love. **9.00** Housewife, 49. **9.30** The Best of the Royal Variety. **10.30** Bruce Forsyth's Hot Shots. Vanessa Feltz. Les Dennis and Jimmy Tarbuck. (2008) **11.30** Film: Go Myles Go. (2010)

ITV4

6.00 Film: The Appaloosa. (1966) **8.00** Film: The Great Escape. (1963) **11.00** The Sweeney. **12.00** Premiership Rugby Union. **2.00** Top Gear. Harry. (2010) **3.00** Film: Lethal. (2010)

BBC THREE

7.00 Film: The Iron Giant. (1999) **8.30** Jack Ass Attack. **9.00** Inside. **10.00** The Ends are Near. (2010) **11.30** Russell Howard's Good News. **12.00** Family Guy. **12.30** Futurama. **1.00**

BBC FOUR

7.00 The Best of European Opera. **8.30** The New Lyric Opera. **9.00** Opera Wonders. **10.00** Film: Female Agents. (2010) **11.30** Wallpaper. Barber.

E4

6.00 Film: Scary Movie. (2000) **7.30** Friends. **8.00** Film: The Core. (2003) **10.15** Friends. **10.45** How to Be Famous. **11.30** The Inbetweeners. Episode. (2010)

FILM4

7.00 A Matter of Life and Death. (1946) **9.00** The Treasure Seekers. (1996) **10.50** Tower Heist. (2011) A cop investigating a murder has only one witness to help him solve the case - a boy who cannot speak. Family comedy starring Tim Hutton, Matt Malloy, Ian McKellen, Adam Brody, Helena Bonham Carter, Special Guest Star Eddie Izzard, Jason Flemyng and writer Steven Soderbergh. **12.40** Film: Lethal. (2010) **2.10** The Go-Getter: Part II. (1974) Coming-of-age story directed by, starring and based on the novel by Robert Dean Pitts.

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BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.00 Wanted Down Under. 9.45 Homes Under the Hammer. 10.35 Saints and Scroungers. 11.20 To Buy or Not to Buy. 12.00 Bargain Hunt. 12.45 BBC News; Weather. 1.00 Regional News; Weather. 1.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 2.00 Keeping Up Appearances. (R) 2.30 Film: Three Men and a Little Lady (1990) Comedy sequel, starring Tom Selleck. 4.30 Doctor Who (R) 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.15 Regional News; Programmes; Weather. 6.30 Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death (R) 7.20 Jimmy's Food Factory. 7.30 Nigel Slater's New Year Suppers. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Celebrity Mastermind. 9.00 Silent Witness. 10.00 BBC News. 10.15 Regional News; Weather. 10.25 A Question of Sport. 10.55 The Football League Show; Weatherview. 12.20 Sign Zone: Giles & Sue Live The Good Life. (R) 12.50 Rock & Chips. (R) 2.20 Dig 1940. (R) 2.50 The Story of Science – Power, Proof and Passion. (R) 3.50 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Animal Park. (R) 12.30 Open Gardens. (R) 1.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Day three at the Lakeside Country Club. Coverage continues on the interactive service. 9.30 Flint Score. 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Day three at the Lakeside Country Club. 8.00 Stargazing Live. 8.30 The Bear Family and Me. 9.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 Flint Smart People. (2008) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Dennis Quaid. 12.00 Darts: BDO World Championships. 12.50 Darts Extra. 2.50 BBC News. 3.50 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 Britain Does the Funniest Things. (R) 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 The Unforgettable Hattie Jacques. (R) 1.00 ITV News; Weather. 1.15 Regional News; Weather. 1.30 Downton Abbey. (R) 2.30 Downton Abbey. (R) 3.00 Doc Martin. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 You've Been Framed! (R) 6.30 Regional News; Weather. 6.45 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 The Lakes. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Above Suspicion: Deadly Intent. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.15 Film: The Matrix Reloaded. (2003) Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring Keanu Reeves. 12.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.00 Spartacus. 9.10 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.00 Sail Mail. (R) 6.05 The Teacle People. (R) 6.20 The Hoobs. (R) 6.45 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 8.05 Frasier. (R) 8.30 Friends. (R) 8.00 Friends. (R) 8.25 Famous and Fearless. (R) 11.30 Glee. (R) 12.30 127 Hours: T4 Movie Special. (R) 1.00 Film: Three Men and a Baby (1987) Comedy, starring Tom Selleck, Ted Danson and Steve Guttenberg. 3.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 3.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.55 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Celebrity Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.05 Relocation, Phil Down Under. (R) 8.00 Famous and Fearless. 8.30 Big Fat Quiz of the Year 2010. 11.25 4thoughts. 11.40 Alan Carr: Chatty Man. (R) 12.25 Premier League Poker. 1.15 The Genius of British Art. (R) 2.00 Headhunters of World War II. (R) 3.35 Film: The North Star. (1943) Second World War drama, starring Anne Baxter. 5.15 The Untold Invasion of Britain. (R)

Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Kid. 9.50 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 10.50 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 11.45 Film: Our Man in Havana. (1960) 1.50 Five News. 2.00 Film: Ryan's Daughter. (1970) 5.30 Cowboy Builders. (R) 6.25 Film: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment. (1985) 8.05 Film: Austin Powers: The Spy Who Shagged Me. (1999) Comedy sequel, starring Mike Myers. 10.00 Film: Until Death. (2007) Action thriller, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. 12.10 America's Toughest Prisons. (R) 1.10 SuperCasino. 4.00 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 4.55 House Busters. (R) 5.30 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Tuesday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scroungers. 11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. (R) 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News; Programmes; Weather. 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind. 7.30 EastEnders; BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 Holby City. 9.00 Silent Witness. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.45 Motorway Cops. 11.15 Film: The Kovak Box. (2006) Sci-fi mystery thriller, starring Timothy Hutton. Weatherview. 1.25 Sign Zone: David Attenborough's First Life. (R) 2.25 Alan Titchmarsh's Garden Secrets. (R) 3.25 Dig 1940. (R) 3.55 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Animal Park. (R) 12.30 Darts: BDO World Championships. 3.00 Escape to the Country. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Pointless Celebrities. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Day four at the Lakeside Country Club. 8.00 Stargazing Live. 8.30 The Bear Family and Me. 10.00 Have I Got Old News for You. (R) 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Darts: BDO World Championships. 12.10 Darts Extra. 2.10 BBC News. 3.55 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 A Touch of Frost. (R) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Doc Martin. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Kids Under Pressure – Too Much Too Young Tonight. 8.00 The Secret Mediterranean with Trevor McDonald. 9.00 Above Suspicion: Deadly Intent. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: The Matrix Revolutions. (2003) Sci-fi sequel, starring Keanu Reeves. 12.50 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.55 Spartacus. 9.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Famous and Fearless. (R) 11.00 Glee. (R) 11.55 4Music Meets Glee. 12.30 Film: The Longest Day. (1962) Fact-based Second World War drama, starring Richard Burton. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 4.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 The Simpsons. (R) 5.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughts. 8.00 Famous and Fearless. 8.35 Dave's Undiscovered Scotland. 9.00 The Big Bang Theory. 9.30 European Poker Tour. 1.00 Freeports. (R) 1.55 World Bodybuilding. (R) 2.00 Beach Volleyball. (R) 2.55 Abu Dhabi International Triathlon. (R) 3.45 Triathlon ITU World Championship Series. (R) 4.40 Grudge Match. (R) 4.50 Bear Grylls: Born Survivor. (R) 5.45 Yo Gabba Gabba. (R)

Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 Moomins. 9.30 Meet the Moments. (R) 9.40 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 10.40 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 11.35 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.55 Five News. 1.00 Film: A Mother's Gift. (1995) Period drama, starring Nancy McKeon. 3.00 Film: Lily Dale. (1996) 5.00 Five News; Weather. 5.30 Monkey Life. 6.00 Cowboy Builders. (R) 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It?; Five News Update. 8.00 Goodnight Lad: Secret Revealed; Five News at 9. 9.00 CSI: NY. Mac uncovers a murder on board a commercial flight from New York to Washington DC and sets up a makeshift crime lab using hastily improvised apparatus to catch the killer. (R) 10.00 CSI: NY. A woman linked to a number of high-profile figures is murdered, but the detectives' find their inquiries hindered by the Chief of Police and wonder what he is trying to hide. (R) 10.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 11.55 The CSI. (R) 12.55 SuperCasino. 9.00 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 9.55 House Busters. (R) 5.30 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Wednesday

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 6.35 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Animal Park. (R) 12.30 Darts: BDO World Championships. 3.00 Escape to the Country. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. Second-round coverage at the Lakeside Country Club. 8.00 Stargazing Live. 8.30 The Bear Family and Me. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. 10.30 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Darts: BDO World Championships. 12.10 Darts Extra. 2.10 BBC News. 3.10 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 A Touch of Frost. (R) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Doc Martin. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Snatched: Kids – Too Much Too Young Tonight. 8.00 The Unforgettable Bob Monkhouse. (R) 9.00 Above Suspicion: Deadly Intent. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Film: Frantic. (1988) Kidnap thriller, starring Harrison Ford. 12.50 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.50 Film: To Kill a Mockingbird. (1963) Drama, starring Gregory Peck. 5.00 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Famous and Fearless. (R) 11.00 Glee. (R) 11.55 Wedding House. 1.00 Film: The Greatest Show on Earth (1952) A circus owner hires a trapeze artist who develops a love-hate relationship with the show's star act. Drama, starring Charlton Heston, Cornel Wilde, Betty Hutton and James Stewart. 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 4.55 Come Dine with Me. (R) 5.00 The Simpsons. (R) 5.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughts. 8.00 Famous and Fearless. 8.35 Britain's Fattest Man. 10.25 Barbara Windsor: A Comedy Roast. 11.20 Peep Show. (R) 12.15 The Morgana Show. (R) 12.45 Music on 4: Ruedian Standard Originals Presents. (R) 1.00 My Family's Crazy Gap Year. (R) 1.55 The Twins Who Share a Brain. (R) 2.50 The Hospital. (R) 3.45 ER. (R) 5.20 Hill Street Blues. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.30 Animal Park. (R) 12.30 Darts: BDO World Championships. 3.00 Escape to the Country. 3.45 Flog It! 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Antiques Road Trip. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Railway Journeys. 7.00 Live Darts: BDO World Championships. The third two quarter-finals at the Lakeside Country Club. 8.00 Stargazing Live. 8.30 The Bear Family and Me. 9.00 Newsnight; Weather. 11.20 Darts: BDO World Championships. 12.10 Darts Extra. 2.10 BBC News. 3.10 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 9.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 A Touch of Frost. (R) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 3.50 Regional Weather. 4.00 Doc Martin. (R) 5.00 The Chase. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Too Young to Care – Too Much Too Young Tonight. 8.00 Emmerdale. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Martin Clunes: Man to Manta. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 Odd One In. (R) 11.20 Send in the Dogs. 12.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 2.15 The Jeremy Kyle Show. (R) 3.10 Too Young to Care – Too Much Too Young Tonight. (R) 3.35 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.20 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.25 Friends. (R) 8.55 Friends. (R) 9.25 Famous and Fearless. (R) 11.00 Glee. (R) 11.55 Wedding House. 12.55 Film: The Seven Year Itch. (1955) Comedy, starring Marilyn Monroe. 2.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 3.25 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 3.55 Deal or No Deal. 4.55 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 5.30 Come Dine with Me Extra Portions. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.55 4thoughts. 8.00 Famous and Fearless. 8.35 Derren Brown: Enigma. 11.10 Film: The X Files: I Want to Believe. (2008) Premiere. Sci-fi thriller sequel, starring David Duchovny and Gillian Anderson. 1.10 Orchestra United. (R) 2.00 The Untold Battle of Trafalgar. (R) 4.00 Brothers & Sisters. (R) 4.55 ER. (R) 5.35 The Teacle People. (R) 5.45 Yo Gabba Gabba. (R)

Channel Five 6.00 Milkshake! 8.20 Kid. 8.55 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.15 Ice Road Truckers. (R) 11.15 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 12.10 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. (R) 1.10 Five News. 1.15 Film: Dying to Belong. (1997) Psychological thriller, with Hilary Swank and Sarah Chalke. 3.10 Film: The Trial Bird. (2008) Premiere. Thriller, starring Nicole de Boer. 5.00 Five News; Weather. 5.30 Monkey Life. 6.00 Cowboy Builders. (R) 7.00 Five News at 7. 7.30 Extreme Sheds: Five Days. (R) Five News Update. 8.00 Nature Shock: The Seal Slipper. (R) Five News at 9. 9.00 Film: SWAT. (2003) Action thriller, starring Samuel L Jackson and Colin Farrell. 11.25 The World of Stupid Criminals. 11.55 Cops in Crisis. (R) 12.15 SuperCasino. 9.00 Brian Sewell's Grand Tour. (R) 9.55 House Busters. (R) 5.30 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Wanted Down Under. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer; BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Saints and Scroungers. 11.45 To Buy or Not to Buy; BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News; Programmes; Weather. 7.00 Celebrity Mastermind. 7.30 A Question of Sport. (R) BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 Ch. 8.00 Hustle. 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery: Friday Night Draws. 11.30 Film: The Weather Man. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Nicolas Cage. Weatherview. 1.10 Sign Zone: James Mayo Man Lab. (R) 2.10 Horizon: Is Seeing Believing? (R) 3.10 Dig 1940. (R) 3.40 BBC News.

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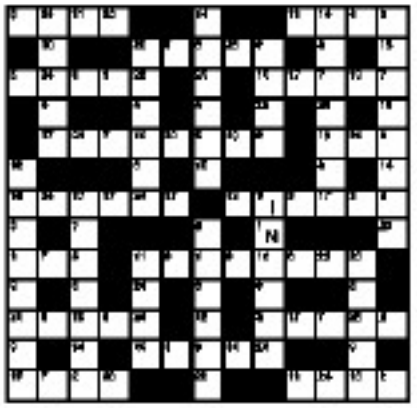

LAST WEEK'S ILLUSTRATION

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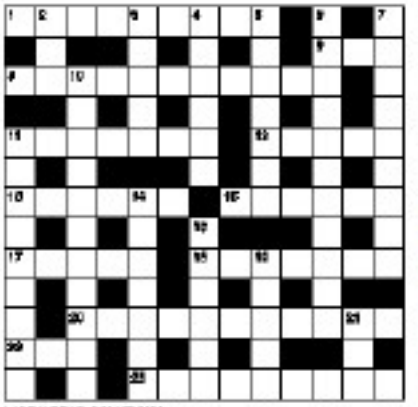


Cryptic Clues:

Across

1. Grotesquely, but get a grip, it's the plan (5)
4. Money-mad gloomy one's personality (4)
9. As the crime time they were sentenced to ever longer combinations (10)
11. Arrange a new part in Western (4)
12. Not usually to be somehow (4)
13. Time to make things possible (6)
15. Inter the car (6)
17. Such an omelette that common pea pie will be called to account (10)
18. Use medical bit in relation forwards on web (4)
20. Alchemy, cure not the whole of the unknown meaning (5,4,6)
22. Ex western cookery equipment (6)
23. Grand areas requirements such criterion (5)

Down

2. Sign of honour in a cocktail stock (4)
3. Has mostly the one on a plate plan rope (5)
4. Unbroken advance (6)
5. Dance over money's color (7)
6. Looking up one of rivers of behold someone (10)
7. Warmed about body expectancy (5)
10. Mostly opponents nothing on by nor own goals (10)
11. Take the raising assessment (6)
14. Apparent, but not in minister's concern (7)
16. Yet they may to be a large part of the monthly rental (6)
19. Busy lecture mainly in churches – bird nest , no hear (5)
21. Rule in the revolved (4)

Quick Clues:

Across

1. Right side of a ship (7)
5. Lawn (4)
8. Lonely (5,1)
11. Caller (7)
12. Persuade (4)
13. Summary (6)
15. Council quarrel (4)
17. Wrap (4)
18. Side position (4)
20. Used to take place speeds (5,1)
22. Alien (4)
23. Into a belly (3)

Down

2. Torment (4)
3. Wide boy (5)
4. Unwind (6)
5. Headset (4)
6. Heterodoxy (10)
7. Pleasure (5)
10. Heave (10)
11. Ridiculous many ways (3)
14. MEDICALS (7)
16. Rank (7)
19. Up (5)
21. Lubricant (4)

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS

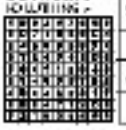
CRYPTIC: Across 7 Agape 8 Pinnace 10 Tractors 11 Never 12 Bans 15 Aural 17 Walks 18 Ants 20 Or oil 23 Inured 24 Refer 25 Reject. Down 1 Bastion 2 Cocaine 3 Comet 4 Metaphor 5 Hogan 6 Heroes 9 Contention 14 Tinker 15 Nascent 16 Cuisines 19 Arrest 21 Knits 22 Lento. QUICK: Across 1 Bonnet 5 Lake 10 Mental 17 Valley 18 Lever 20 Pivot 21 Unravel 24 Recent 25 Prize. Down 1 Beguile 2 Nautical 3 Tennis 4 Indent 6 Vent 9 Ban 13 Appealing 14 Cricket 16 Trinity 18 Lapse 19 Lied 24 Rent.

Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

		4	6		7	8		
	1			3			5	6
		8				1		
	3	5			2			7
6			7		1			3
9			6			4	2	
		3						8
5	8			4			7	
		6	1		8	3		

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION



Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION

The letter represented by the circle at centre is L. Orange, lemon, diamond, saltpan, chimney.

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MOTORING

Gear up for safer winter motoring

WITH the threat of another 'frozen Britain' this winter, motorists should be prepared for some tricky driving conditions over the coming months, and the Retail Motor Industry (RMI) has some suggestions for how to avoid accidents, cope with a breakdown or just drive safely over the winter period.

Poor visibility, minimal daylight hours, bad weather and worse roads conspire to make driving tiring, unpleasant, and sometimes even dangerous.

The Retail Motor Industry (RMI) is the trade body that represents motor sector businesses in the UK that provide sales and services to motorists. The RMI sees every journey as an opportunity to prevent the worst from happening and there is a great deal of preventative action that you can undertake.

Before setting off ensure you have:

Sufficient fuel for your journey; mobile phone and cigarette-lighter charger; warm clothes in the car; listened to the travel news and check the weather forecast.

The need for seasonal preparation also extends to the various systems that run the car.

Antifreeze

Make sure that the antifreeze in the car is fresh. Insufficient or 'old' anti-freeze can cause hose, water pump or other major units to fail leading to overheating. Anti-freeze should be changed every two years, or according to manufacturer recommendations.

Heaters and ventilation

Make sure all systems are working so that misting is minimised – do not switch off your air-conditioning as this keeps moisture and condensation to a minimum.

De-icing

On cold mornings use a de-icer on windows, or a scraper – NEVER hot water. Spray a special carborundum powder lock lubricant into the door locks to prevent seizing up. Check that the screen wash is not clogged and that the bottle is topped up for use and make sure that an additive is used to stop it freezing.

Tyres

Tyre tread depth should be at least 1.6 mm across the central three-quarters of the breadth of the tread and around the entire circumference, and there should be no cuts or cracks.

Other things to do include:

Make sure the battery is in good condition; check windscreen wipers for wear and replace them if necessary; give all external lights and mirrors a thorough clean; headlamps should be correctly aligned.

Spray a lock lubricant into the door locks

To clear the windscreen use a de-icer or scraper – never hot water

Once the car is ready for winter, it's worth compiling an **emergency kit**, to be kept in the boot, so that in the event of a breakdown you're prepared

Useful supplies could include: Torch, spare batteries and bulbs; screen scraper/ de-icer; warning triangle; first-aid kit; hands free mobile phone, phone card and cash; blankets and warm jacket/robust shoes (in case of breakdown); shovel (to clear snow if necessary); fire extinguisher; rope (for towing if necessary); road atlas, maps etc.

Lights

You need to make sure that the light settings match the driving conditions. As the winter months go on, drivers will find themselves using their lights more and more, but the use of the lights will need to be appropriate for the road conditions. If conditions change during a journey, alter your light settings accordingly.

Conditions

Separate from the issue of lights, fog is still one of the worst problems. Other culprits include rain, ice, sleet, and snow. All of these can lead to dangerous driving conditions, but cannot cause accidents without the assistance of one vital catalyst, usually provided by the driver – speed.

Speed

Winter driving means steady driving. Stopping distances double in the rain and these extend even further with worn tyres, when roads are icy they can increase 10 times. You should always keep well back from the vehicle in front, but in the winter you should be even further back. On treacherous roads, even if yours is the only car for miles, you should drive as slowly as possible in the lowest practical gear. Apart from checking your speed, you also need to consider the way you handle the car as a whole.

Essentially, safety in the winter comes down to four things:

CHECK YOUR CAR
BE PREPARED FOR ANYTHING
BE CAUTIOUS
MONITOR YOUR SPEED

If you try to follow these rules you should find yourself on the road to safe winter driving. Careful preparation by the motorist can only go so far.

With careful driving and proper preparation, drivers can travel safely through the winter.

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Q71: Whose record did Sebastien Vettel beat as youngest F1 champion?

Howard Webb. How many yellow cards did he wave in the World Cup Final? (see Q9)

Q38: But who is the Aussie hat-trick hero?

Grand National winner Tony McCoy riding Binocular. Which big race did they win together? (Q88)

WORLD CUP

1) Name England's goalscorers at the World Cup.

2) Which city hosted England's second-round 4-1 defeat to Germany?

3) Who scored Spain's winning goal in the World Cup final against Holland?

4) Which country was coached by former England manager Sven Goran Eriksson coach in South Africa?

5) Which Barclays Premier League player claimed the referee had "ruined my World Cup" after showing him a red card in Australia's opening game against Germany?

6) Who beat eventual winners Spain in their opening Group H game?

7) Which player did France send home from South Africa, sparking a strike by the rest of Les Bleus squad as their campaign ended in farce?

8) Name the former AFC Wimbledon and Halifax striker who scored in New Zealand's 1-1 draw against defending champions Italy.

9) How many yellow cards did English referee Howard Webb show during an ill-tempered final between Holland and Spain - 10, 12 or 14?

10) Which Uruguay player was sent off for a deliberate handball to concede a last-minute penalty against Ghana in the quarter finals?

11) Name the winner of the Golden Boot, with four goals and three assists.

12) Who scored what South Africa's winner against France in Bloemfontein as the hosts bowed out of the tournament at the group stage for the first time.

13) Who scored the first goal of the tournament?

14) Name the controversial official Adidas World Cup ball for South Africa 2010.

15) Which traditional horn became a feature of the games in South Africa – and were subsequently banned by most domestic leagues?

SOCCER - GENERAL

16) Name the four English divisional champions.

17) Which clubs finished bottom of their respective leagues?

18) Which teams won promotion through the play-offs?

19) Name the three beaten play-off finalists.

20) Which club finished bottom of the Scottish Third Division in May 2010, with a goal difference of -33?

21) Name the four 2010 champions of Scotland.

22) Who finished behind Golden Boot winner Didier Drogba and Manchester United striker Wayne Rooney with 24 goals in the Barclays Premier League at the end of the 2009/2010 season?

23) Chelsea beat Portsmouth to win the 2010 FA Cup and complete the domestic Double. Name the losing semi-finalists.

24) Which Dublin club won the 2010 League of Ireland Premier Division on goal difference to end a 16-year drought?

25) Which two teams contested the inaugural Europa League final in Hamburg?

26) Who was the first Barclays Premier League manager to leave his post during August – just days before the new 2010-11 campaign was set to start?

27) Where was the 2010 Champions League final between Bayern Munich and Inter Milan held?

28) Who beat Carlisle to win the 2010 Football League Johnstone's Paint Trophy final at Wembley?

29) Name the 2010 MLS Cup winners.

30) From which countries did the Scottish Football Association recruit referees after Scottish Premier League officials went on strike?

31) Against which country to Scotland adopt a 4-6-0 formation during a Euro 2012 qualifier?

32) Who were the Blue Square Premier champions?

33) Which former Liverpool striker resigned as manager of Wales in September?

34) After holding Italy to a goalless draw at Windsor Park in October, against which country could Northern Ireland only manage a 1-1 draw four days later?

35) Who did FC United of Manchester beat in the first round proper of the FA Cup in November?

CRICKET - THE ASHES

36) Name the venues for the five 2010/2011 Ashes Tests in Australia.

37) Which English batsman was out for a duck to the third ball of the opening Test?

38) Which Australian bowler claimed a hat-trick on his birthday as the hosts took control of the first Test?

39) Who hit a double century in England's second innings to help secure a battling draw in the first Test?

40) Name the England bowler who took 5-91 as the tourists won the second Test.

CRICKET - GENERAL

41) Name the 2010 Friends Provident t20 champions.

42) Who claimed the 2010 LV= County Championship Division One title?

43) Which three Pakistan players were suspended by the ICC over allegations of "spot-fixing?"

44) Who took over from Ottis Gibson as England's fast bowling coach this year?

45) Name the leading wicket taker in the LV= County Championship first division?

RUGBY UNION - INTERNATIONAL

46) Which three Ireland players became Test centurions in 2010?

47) Which two players this year became the most capped All Blacks of all time and in which match?

48) Who captained Samoa's Autumn tour of the UK and Ireland?

49) Which country completed the Grand Slam to claim the 2010 RBS 6 Nations title?

50) Who scored a try in each half during England's 35-18 Test victory over Australia at Twickenham?

RUGBY UNION - GENERAL

51) Name the finalists in the 2010 Heineken Cup, played at Stade de France.

52) Who finished bottom of the 2009/2010 Guinness Premiership table?

53) Northampton Saints defeated which team to lift the 2010 LV= Cup at Sixways Stadium?

54) Name the beaten semi-finalists in the Guinness Premiership play-offs.

55) Which team were promoted to the top flight for the first time in their history after defeating Bristol in the RFU Championship Final in May?

RUGBY LEAGUE

56) Name the 2010 'Man of Steel'

57) Who won the Harry Sunderland Trophy as the Man of the Match in the Engage Super League Grand Final?

58) Which club finished bottom of Super League?

59) Which former Great Britain international was appointed as coach of Crusaders?

60) Which country won the 2010 Four Nations Series?

GOLF

61) Who was Graeme McDowell's opponent in the game which decided the Ryder Cup at a rain-hit Celtic Manor?

62) Who said in February they might not play all year and then played 48 days later?

63) What did South African Louis Oosthuizen buy himself as a present for winning the Open Championship at St Andrews?

64) Which Northern Ireland golfer pulled off a shock victory at the US Open in Pebble Beach?

65) Which Englishman finally ended the reign of Tiger Woods as world number one?

TENNIS

66) How many games were played in the fifth set between John Isner and Nicolas Mahut in their marathon first-round match at Wimbledon - 120, 138 or 142?

67) Who ended the hopes of British number one Andy Murray in the semi-finals at SW19?

68) Which player finished the 2010 season in the top 50 in the WTA rankings at the age of 40?

69) Who was the surprise winner of the women's singles title at the French Open this year?

70) Which was the only Grand Slam event not won by Spain's Rafael Nadal in 2010?

FORMULA ONE

71) Sebastian Vettel is now the sport's youngest world champion, but whose record did he beat?

72) How many pole positions did Red Bull Racing claim in the 2010 F1 season - 10, 12 or 15?

73) How many points did former world champion Michael Schumacher finish behind Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg – 60, 65 or 70?

74) Newcomers Hispania Racing used four drivers throughout the season. Name them.

75) Britain's Lewis Hamilton won three grands prix this year, in which countries?

ATHLETICS & COMMONWEALTH GAMES

76) Which Australian athlete thought she had won the 100m, setting off on a victory lap, only to lose her gold medal following an appeal over false starts?

77) How many medals did Great Britain win at the European Championships in Barcelona - 17, 19 or 22?

78) Who broke the world 800m record twice in the space of seven days in August?

79) Haile Gebrselassie announced his retirement in November, but changed his mind after failing to complete which event?

80) Who thrashed hosts India 8-0 to claim Commonwealth gold in the final of the men's hockey?

US SPORTS

81) Name the winners of the 2010 NBA Finals who beat Boston Celtics in the best-of-seven series.

82) Which team won the NFL SuperBowl XLIV, on what was their first appearance in the championship game?

83) San Francisco Giants beat which side to win the 2010 Major League Baseball World Series?

84) The 2010 NHL Stanley Cup was contested between which two teams?

85) Name the two franchises which played a regular-season NFL match at a sell-out Wembley Stadium during October.

RACING

86) Tony McCoy was named Sports Personality of the Year and ended his long wait for Grand National glory. Which horse did he ride to victory at Aintree?

87) Who was this year's champion flat jockey?

88) Binocular, ridden by AP McCoy, won which major National Hunt race in March?

89) Who trains Epsom Derby winner Workforce.

90) Japanese runner Nakayama Festa finished second to Workforce in which other Grade 1 race?

GENERAL

91) Who did David Haye stop in their all-British World Heavyweight clash in Manchester during November?

92) Name the runner-up to 2010 PDC World Champion Phil 'The Power' Taylor.

93) Which racer won the Tour de France?

94) Who was the 2010 World Superbikes champion?

95) Name the two players to contest the 2010 Snooker World Championship in Sheffield.

96) Which Englishman won the BDO World Darts Championship at Lakeside, Frimley Green.

97) Which Scottish fighter claimed a bronze medal at the 2010 World Judo Championships in Japan?

98) Who won the Premier League Snooker title?

99) Frenchman Sebastien Loeb claimed his seventh consecutive world title in which motorsport this year?

100) In which event did Amy Williams claim Britain's only gold at the 2010 Winter Olympics in Vancouver?

Q91: World heavyweight champion David Haye. Who did he beat to take the belt in Manchester in November?

Q61: Graeme McDowell. Who was his opponent in the Ryder Cup decider?

Amy Williams. At which event did she win Winter Olympics gold? (see Q100)

Q70: Which was the only Grand Slam event not won by Rafael Nadal?

Answers

WORLD CUP 2010: 1) Stephen Gerrard, Jermain Defoe and Matthew Upson; 2) Bloemfontein; 3) Andres Iniesta; 4) Ivory Coast; 5) Tim Cahill of Everton; 6) Switzerland; 7) Nicolas Anelka; 8) Shane Smeltz; 9) 14; 10) Luis Suarez; 11) Thomas Muller (Germany); 12) Kaleago Mphela; 13) Siphiwe Tshabalala (South Africa); 14) Jabulani; 15) Vuvuzela;

SOCCER - GENERAL: 16) Chelsea, Newcastle, Norwich, Notts County; 17) Portsmouth, Peterborough, Scunthorpe, Darlington; 18) Blackpool, Millwall, Dagenham & Redbridge; 19) Cardiff, Swindon, Rotherham; 20) Stirling, Livingston; 22) Darren Bent; 23) Aston Villa & Tottenham; 24) Shamrock Rovers; 25) Fulham & Atletico Madrid; 26) Martin O'Neill (Aston Villa); 27) Bernabeu, Madrid; 28) Southampton; 29) Colorado Rapids; 30) Luxembourg, Israel and Malta; 31) Czech Republic; 32) Stevenage Borough; 33) John Tostack; 34) Faroe Islands; 35) Rochdale;

CRICKET - THE ASHES: 36) Brisbane, Adelaide, Perth, Melbourne, Sydney; 37) Andrew Strauss; 38) Peter Siddle; 39) Alastair Cook; 40) Graeme Swann

CRICKET - GENERAL: 41) Hampshire; 42) Nottinghamshire; 43) Salman Butt, Mohammad Asif and Mohammad Amir; 44) David Saker; 45) Andre Adams of Northamptonshire, with 66 wickets at 22.17

RUGBY UNION - INTERNATIONAL: 46) John Hayes, Brian O'Driscoll and Ronan O'Gara; 47) Richie McCaw and Mils Muliaina, Ireland 16 New Zealand 36, Nov 21; 48) Mahonri Schwagar; 49) France; 50) Chris Ashton;

RUGBY UNION - GENERAL: 51) Toulouse and Biarritz; 52) Worcester Warriors; 53) Gloucester; 54) Nortramptom Saints & Bath; 55) Exeter Chiefs

Tomas Leulual'. of Wigan; 56) Catalans Dragons; 59) Iestyn Harris; 60) New Zealand;

GOLF: 61) Hunter Mahan; 62) Tiger Woods; 63) A tractor; 64) Graeme McDowell; 65) Lee Westwood

TENNIS: 66) 138; 67) Rafael Nadal; 68) Mirnko Date Krumm; 69) Francesca Schiavone; 70) Australian Open

FORMULA ONE: 71) Lewis Hamilton; 72) 15; 73) 70; 74) Bruno Senna, Karun Chandhok, Christian Klien and Saxon Yamamoto; 75) Turkey, Canada and Belgium

ATHLETICS & COMMONWEALTH GAMES: 76) Sally Pearson; 77) 19; 78) Kenya's David Rudisha; 79) New York Marathon; 80) Australia

US SPORTS: 81) LA Lakers; 82) New Orleans Saints; 83) Texas Rangers; 84) Chicago Blackhawks & Philadelphia Flyers; 85) San Francisco 49ers & Denver Broncos;

RACING: 86) Don't Push It; 87) Paul Hanagan; 88) Cheltenham Champion Hurdle; 89) Sir Michael Stoute; 90) Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe

GENERAL: 91) Audley Harrison; 92) Simon Whitlock; 93) Alberto Contador; 94) Max Biaggi; 95) Neil Robertson & Graeme Dott; 96) Martin Adams; 97) Euan Burton; 98) Ronnie O'Sullivan; 99) World Rally Championship; 100) Skeleton

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INSIDE:
How will you do? Test your knowledge of the sporting year in our 2010 quiz – see page 35

With the Mark Hylton shirts are Sam Figurski, Jake Burnyeat, Ryan Smith and Lyndon Rowley (all aged 14)

PUPILS PUT THEIR SHIRT ON HYLTON

Mark 'Mile High' Hylton during his World championship win over Steve Beaton

A PROFESSIONAL darts player brought some pre-Christmas cheer to teenage fans by donating a set of shirts.

Mark Hylton handed over the shirts to the darts team from Hednesford Valley High School, in Stanley Road.

'Mile High', a former airline cabin manager, donated the shirts to the pupils, who have learning difficulties, so they can compete against peers from other schools.

Tracy Sutcliffe, a teacher at the school who runs the darts team, said the pupils were delighted with their new shirts and the team was hoping to get in touch with other schools to start playing competitively.

She said: "Ideally we would start a league and play tournaments."

Mark, from Rugeley, has played super league darts for several years and has represented Staffordshire more than 80 ties.

He played against legend of the game Phil Taylor in 1997, reached the last 16 of the British Classic in the same year and was the Staffordshire qualifier for the World Championship play-offs in 2005.

He is currently taking part in the PDC World Championships at Alexandra Palace and caused a first round shock by defeating former BDO world champ Steve Beaton. He was facing ex-world number one Colin 'Jaws' Lloyd in round two.

Last month Hylton, a 44-year-old left-hander, took part in the Grand Slam of Darts at Wolverhampton's Civic Hall after gaining entry as a wildcard.

Any other schools interested in starting a team to compete against the Hednesford darts pupils are asked to contact Mrs Sutcliffe on 01543 423714.

Festive gift is such a belter

CHRISTMAS came early for Andrew Mullen when he qualified as an Aikido instructor.

He was awarded his instructors certification by 5th Dan Tony Brown at Cheslyn Hay Village Hall, in Pinfold Lane.

It was awarded at the Black Star Aikido's end of year gradings on Sunday, December 19.

Andrew has been studying hard to achieve this professional qualification, which authorises him to teach and coach the Japanese martial art of Aikido, using empty hands, wooden staff and wooden sword. The course ran over 12 months consisting of 10 Instructor units, one on the law and the use of reasonable force, one on the history of Aikido, another on lesson planning, video coaching and the use of language to achieve maximum success.

Sensei

Chief Instructor Tony said: "Andrew has worked very hard to achieve this award.

"I am proud to welcome him to the Instructional staff of Black Star Aikido.

"He may now use the Japanese title of Sensei, which literally means "the one who has gone before." Other students graded on this day included instructor Patrick Altree who achieved his 2nd Dan Black Belt. He had to defend himself against multiple attackers and a kitchen knife.

A new student programme is opening up at the club from Friday, January14.

Tony said: "If some one is looking for thier first step to achieving a black belt then we welcome them in 2011."

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